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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/672,261	Applicant(s) BASIBES ET AL.	
	Examiner Laurel Lashley	Art Unit 2132	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 22 have been examined.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 09/25/2003 was filed before the mailing date of the first Action on the merits. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 4, 11 and 18 are objected to because of the following informality: recitation of unnecessary "a" (e.g. claim 4 recites "...identifier a an access..."). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the granting step". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 6 recites the limitation "the generating step". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Benson et al. in US Patent No. 5867646 (hereinafter US '646).

6. For claim 1 and similar claims 8, 15 and 22, US '646 discloses a method and apparatus for data processing system for managing access to resources, the method and apparatus comprising: granting a process a security identifier, wherein the security identifier has no meaning outside of being used to make an access decision for a specific resource; and responsive to the process requesting access to the specific resource, generating the access decision based on the security identifier. (see Abstract; Figure 2; column 1, line 52 – column 2, lines 1 – 30)

For claim 2 and similar claim 9, US '646 teaches:
wherein the object access identifier is granted based on a path of execution. (see column 3, lines 48 – 50; Figure 2)

For claim 3 and similar claim 10, US '646 teaches:
wherein the object access identifier is granted based on an identity of the process and a second process invoked by the process. (see column 3, lines 49 – 64)

For claim 4 and similar claim 11, US '646 teaches:
setting the security identifier a an access control list operation. (see column 3, lines 4 – 8, 15 – 20 and 24 – 27)

For claim 5 and similar claim 12, US '646 teaches:
changing the security identifier in response to the process invoking a selected resource. (see column 3, lines 61 – 64)

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For claim 6 and similar claim 13, US '646 teaches:

wherein the generating step includes: using the security identifier as an identity in an access control list to identify a right to the specific resource. (see column 4, lines 1 – 8; Figure 2 - 3)

For claim 7 and similar claim 14, US '646 teaches:

wherein the security identifier is a right in an access control list. (see column 4, lines 1 – 8; Figure 2 – 3)

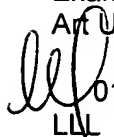
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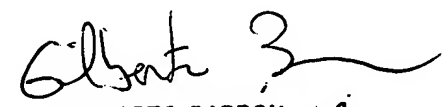
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laurel Lashley whose telephone number is 571-272-0693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, alt Fridays btw 7:30 am & 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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